

101. (New) The method of claim 98, further comprising coupling the elastic band to the second needle member by placing the elastic band through a notch and into an eye located on the second needle member.

102. (New) The method of claim 98, further comprising coupling the elastic band to the second needle member.

103. (New) The method of claim 98, further comprising coupling the elastic band to the second needle member using a fastener means.

104. (New) The method of claim 98, further comprising uncoupling the first needle member from the elastic band to release the section of hair.

105. (New) The method of claim 98, further comprising uncoupling the second needle member from the elastic band to release the section of hair.

106. (New) The method of claim 98, wherein the first needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, and wherein the elastic band is coupled to the first needle member closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.

107. (New) The method of claim 98, wherein the second needle member comprises a first tapered end and a second end, the method further comprising coupling the elastic band to the second needle member closer to the second end than to the first tapered end.